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First Tee – Metropolitan New York and Morgan Stanley Bring 75 Women and Girls Together for 11th Annual Women’s Golf & Fore Mentoring Event

Held for Morgan Stanley’s Global Volunteer Month, the annual event used golf, mentorship, and entrepreneurship to inspire confidence, connection, and leadership.

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First Tee – Metropolitan New York (FTMNY) and Morgan Stanley hosted the 11th Annual Women’s & Girls’ Golf & Fore Mentoring Event at Mosholu Golf Course in the Bronx. Held as part of Morgan Stanley’s Global Volunteer Month, the event brought together approximately 75 women and girls for a powerful day of mentorship, networking, leadership development, and golf.

Throughout the day, participants took part in a golf clinic, interactive networking activities, and a six-hole team scramble. This annual event brings together women and girls across generations, using golf as a vehicle to foster meaningful conversations, share life experiences, and build confidence among young participants. At the heart of the event is the concept of two-way mentorship—the belief that impactful mentorship is built through listening, learning, and growing together rather than simply giving advice.

The event was organized by Valerie Wong Fountain, whose leadership has helped establish it as a meaningful tradition connecting young women with accomplished professionals and mentors.

“This event has always been meaningful to me because it brings women and girls together across generations through golf, mentorship, and shared learning,” said Wong Fountain, Managing Director at Morgan Stanley and a member of the Executive Committee of the FTMNY Board of Directors. “This year was especially special because I was able to bring my two elementary-school-aged daughters to participate for the first time and experience firsthand the confidence, connection, and sense of possibility that this community creates. I’m proud to continue supporting First Tee – Metropolitan New York and Morgan Stanley’s partnership as we help inspire the next generation of women leaders.”

One of those daughters, nine-year-old Lily Fountain, experienced the event from a participant’s perspective. “My first First Tee event was really special because I made friends with a lot of nice girls and women,” she said. “It was really fun to play with them. I really think we made a great team together because everybody participated in the

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scramble and contributed to our good results. Thank you, Mama, for bringing me to this event.”

The afternoon concluded with a special "Tee Talk" featuring Megan LaMothe, Founder and CEO of FORAY GOLF and an FTMNY Board Member, in conversation with Valerie Wong Fountain. During the discussion, LaMothe shared the inspiration behind launching her business, the challenges she overcame as an entrepreneur, and the perseverance required to turn an idea into a successful brand. She encouraged participants to embrace curiosity, seek out new experiences, and view personal growth as an ongoing journey rather than a fixed destination.

“Today, there’s a lot of pressure to choose a path early... Anything else other than ‘absolute certainty’ is painted as a lack of focus. But the real goal of education, career, and life is to develop as a whole person,” said Lamothe. “Broaden your world in whatever way you can possibly broaden it. The journey in-and-of itself is the goal... In a world where we spend so much time talking about AI and how computers are going to take over, let’s refocus on exactly what makes us more human.”

Through shared experiences, inspiring conversations, and the game of golf, the Women's & Girls' Golf & Fore Mentoring Event continues to inspire confidence, foster meaningful connections, and empower young women to broaden their perspectives and discover what is possible when they are surrounded by supportive role models.

For more information, visit <https://firstteemetny.org/>.

About First Tee – Metropolitan New York

First Tee – Metropolitan New York is a youth development nonprofit that integrates the game of golf with a life skills curriculum to help young people build character and prepare for success. Founded in 2001, the organization serves youth across the Bronx, Long Island, and New Jersey through year-round programming and academic initiatives such as Path to College.

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